Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Commission - March 7, 2011

- Present: John Owens, David Kane, Ann Bere, Stephanie King, Dennis Rocha, Laurie Carlson, Andrew Levin

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Absent: Betsy Lipson, Lee Slap

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Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 pm

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John Madden attended to discuss the coming season at the snack bar at the rink. The contract to operate the snack bar expires this year and John had some ideas for expansion before the bidding process begins. These options will be discussed with the Dept. of Public Works and the School Department to explore the viability of this idea.

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- Peter Noone of Belmont Youth Baseball attended to discuss the option of installing batting cages at the Grove St. field. The Commission is in support of this idea as long as residents do not have valid objections.

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The fees for the upcoming season at the skating rink were discussed and agreed upon. In an effort to rent the late hour (10 pm), that rate will not increase but earlier hours will.

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The Commission voted to discontinue the Youth Recreation Hockey Program. Attendance has been declining in recent years. Belmont Youth Hockey offers the same kind of program and we will work with them to provide adequate ice time for children to play hockey for recreation.

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The Director updated the Commission on the progress of the FY12 budget process as well as the revenue total for FY11 through February.

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The minutes of the February 8th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm

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